

In November of 2009, Congresswoman Moore introduced the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act, a bill to expand and improve services for victims of domestic violence and their families.

The House recently passed a modified version of Moore's legislation. She spoke on the House Floor in support of the effort.

Domestic violence shelters in Wisconsin and throughout the country have been absolutely stretched to their limits by increased demand, and they've been forced to reduce services or turn victims away. Passing this legislation shows victims of domestic violence that we stand with them and won't stand for this anymore.

Despite all of our gains, domestic violence is still a crisis. One in every four women will experience domestic violence in her life. In Wisconsin alone, deaths from domestic violence are the highest in a decade. This bill won't solve every problem, but it moves us forward in our fight to end domestic violence once and for all.

Highlights of the House-Passed FVPSA also in Moore's original version include:

- Improving and expanding services for children exposed to domestic violence;
- Helping teenage victims by expanding services to include dating violence;
- Targeted, culturally-competent services specifically for victims in underserved communities; and
- Making it easier for shelters to apply for grants by bringing FVPSA language in sync with the Violence Against Women Act.

This fall, Congresswoman Moore appeared on the Dr. Phil Show to talk about the need for her

legislation. She was recently recognized for her leadership on this issue with an award from the National Network to End Domestic Violence.

Moore has also written legislation that would help low-income victims escape domestic violence. It is difficult for any victim to escape, but that's especially true for low-income people. Her legislation waives certain requirements of the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program for victims of domestic violence, and protects victims' privacy so their abusers can't find them through the system.

She also worked to create the Brides Walk – an annual event held in Milwaukee – to help raise awareness of domestic violence in the Latino community.